

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~June 1st 1959COCOM Document No. 3416.35/7COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE ITEM 1635(b) - NICKEL BEARING STEELSMay 28th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3416.00/1, 3416.35/3, 4 and 6.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting the Committee had discussed the United Kingdom redefinition proposal contained in COCOM 3416.35/4. He invited Delegates to give the further views of their authorities.

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that his authorities wished to submit a new redefinition proposal as follows:

"Item 1635(b) Nickel bearing steels n.e.s. containing a total of 35% or more of alloying elements except such steels containing less than 0.4% titanium or niobium-tantalum.

(NOTE: The 35% cut-off must not be exceeded to take account of manufacturing or other tolerances. The presence of carbon, phosphorus and sulphur can be ignored. Silicon and manganese can also be ignored where these are impurities.)"

They felt that this latest proposal took into account the various views which had been expressed by the Members of the Committee as to what elements could or could not be considered as alloying elements. In the opinion of his authorities there were no steels in the range between 32% and 35% of alloying elements which met the criteria on which the Committee worked.

3. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that he appreciated the United Kingdom proposal which seemed to be a very useful effort at finding a compromise. He undertook to obtain the views of his authorities as soon as possible.

4. All other Delegations accepted the United Kingdom proposal concerning Item 1635(b). With the exception of the Belgian and Canadian Delegations, who accepted ad referendum, All Delegations also accepted the proposed Note to Item 1635(b).

5. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear the views of the United States Government on June 4th.

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